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## **H.R. 643—African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act (Gilchrest)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered under a motion to suspend the rules on Tuesday, June 12.

**Summary:** H.R. 643 would reauthorize through FY2007 the African Elephant Conservation Act (first authorized for FY1997) at a maximum of **\$5 million per fiscal year** (same as current law). Specifically, this bill would authorize appropriations to the Multinational Species Conservation Fund, used by the Secretary of the Interior for research and conservation programs overseas. Only \$1 million of the \$5 million authorized was actually appropriated in the current fiscal year. The current authorization expires after FY2002.

The bill would also cap administrative expenses related to African elephant conservation at not more than 6% of appropriated funds or \$80,000 (per fiscal year, whichever is less).

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The CBO confirmed that H.R. 643 would cost \$25 million over five years, if the maximum amounts are appropriated.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?:** No, it reauthorizes current law.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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## **H.R. 700—Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act (Saxton)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered under a motion to suspend the rules on Tuesday, June 12.

**Summary:** H.R. 700 would reauthorize through FY2007 the Asian Elephant Conservation Act (first authorized for FY1998) at a maximum of **\$5 million per fiscal year** (same as current law). Specifically, this bill would authorize appropriations to the Multinational Species Conservation Fund, used by the Secretary of the Interior for research and conservation programs overseas. Only \$1 million of the \$5 million authorized was actually appropriated in the current fiscal year. The current authorization expires after FY2002.

The bill would also cap administrative expenses related to Asian elephant conservation at not more than 6% of appropriated funds or \$80,000 (per fiscal year, whichever is less).

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The CBO confirmed that H.R. 700 would cost \$25 million over five years, if the maximum amounts are appropriated.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?:** No, it reauthorizes current law.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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## **H.Res. 97—Recognizing the enduring contributions, heroic achievements, and dedicated work of Shirley Anita Chisholm (Lee)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered under a motion to suspend the rules on Tuesday, June 12.

**Summary:** The resolution says that Congress recognizes the “enduring contributions and heroic achievements” of Shirley Anita Chisholm and appreciates her work to “improve the lives and status” of American women.

**Background:** Shirley Anita Chisholm was the first black woman elected to Congress. First elected in 1968, Rep. Chisholm served until 1983. She was also a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** This resolution authorizes no expenditure.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?:** No.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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